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RACV CALLS FOR SAFETY FEEDBACK ON MELBOURNE'S ROADS

RACV has released interim results from its <u>My Melbourne Road</u> online survey, identifying the top three roads and intersections that Melburnians have identified as having safety concerns.

RACV Head of Policy, James Williams, said since launching <u>My Melbourne Road</u>, the feedback from Melbourne road users has provided insights on how road safety can be improved. RACV is now calling for everyone to have their say before the survey closes at the end of May via www.racv.com.au/mymelbourneroad.

"As Melburnians return to commuting following the school and public holidays, it's timely to jump online and tell the RACV which roads you use have safety concerns – your feedback really will make a difference," Mr Williams said.

Respondents to <u>My Melbourne Road</u> provide feedback by dropping a pin and filling out information about how a section of road or intersection can be improved from a safety perspective.

The interactive map also shows participants where serious injuries and deaths occurred on our roads between 2016 and 2019.

"Whether you drive, ride, walk or take public transport for your daily commute, <u>My Melbourne Road</u> is your chance to have your say about Melbourne's transport network. We encourage everyone to get involved and help us identify where we can improve safety," Mr Williams said.

The top three roads of concern identified to date:

- 1. Mount Alexander Road Essendon, Moonee Ponds and Ascot Vale.
- 2. Princes Highway/ Dandenong Road Windsor, Prahran, Caulfield and Caulfield North.
- 3. Sydney Road Brunswick and Coburg.

The top three intersections of concern identified to date:

- 1. Liardet Street and Bay Street Port Melbourne.
- 2. Mount Alexander Road and Keilor Road Essendon.
- 3. Loyola Grove and Twickenham Crescent Richmond.

When the full survey is released, RACV will provide the top roads and intersections of concern and insights into road safety behaviours raised by motorists and other road users.

In 2021, RACV conducted a similar survey to <u>My Melbourne Road</u> called *My Country Road* with more than 4000 participants from regional Victoria. Feedback resulted in road upgrades, proving that speaking up can make a difference.

"Of the 31 most dangerous roads highlighted in *My Country Road*, we have since seen 16 undertake work and improvements – which shows your feedback is taken seriously," Mr Williams said.

"We strongly encourage Melburnians to come forward if they haven't already – this is a real opportunity to shine a light on hot spots on our roads where you feel unsafe."

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Further information

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